

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the above-captioned application. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement in the Office Action in which it is urged that there are more than one species of the generic invention. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants elect the first-listed species, a radioactive metal ion. The claims encompassing the elected species are: 1-8, 17-32, 33, and 34.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at a later time.

Applicants make the election without traverse.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that might arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

Respectfully submitted,

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